

federal grant. This program begins with the Freshman Academy, which helps middle school students acclimate to high school, and offers six other academies which support college and career readiness. This includes Fine Arts & Communications, Management & Business, Health and Human Services, STEM, World Languages, and the Early College Academy. Contributions like these would not be possible without the efforts of passionate educators like Principal Hope.

This smaller learning community structure is successful because of Principal Hope's dedication to both the students and the teachers. As a leader, he sees that students excel when they are taught by highly engaged and trained teachers and staff. Because of this, Principal Hope's vision also focuses on professional development for teachers. Quite simply, his work is bettering the lives of Hoosiers.

I want to take this opportunity to once again thank Principal Hope for helping students and teachers at Penn develop their talents and become our future leaders. On behalf of myself and my fellow Hoosiers, I congratulate him on receiving this prestigious award.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHEA  
HASSELL, PERRY ANCELL AND  
CODY COULTER

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2015*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank three power linemen from Coserv Electric Cooperative from the 26th District of Texas for their service and sacrifice to help three communities far away from their own.

This fall, Shea Hassell, Perry Ancell and Cody Coulter traveled to Haiti where they spent three weeks volunteering to help build the country's first electric cooperative. This work was part of a rural electrification project through the NRECA International Foundation with support from the United Nations Environmental Program and USAID.

During their time in the southwestern part of the country, they built a diesel-solar hybrid electric system which now provides safe, affordable and reliable power to 1,600 consumers in three towns. Their contributions included upgrading and installing new power lines and training locally hired linemen in proper construction methods and safety practices.

In Haiti, less than 15 percent of the population has regular access to electricity. Reliable electricity is a critical element in improving the quality of life and to providing healthcare, education, access to clean water and economic opportunity.

Thanks to the contribution of these power linemen more people in Haiti will now have electricity.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF HOWARD COBLE

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2015*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend

Howard Coble, who passed away on November 3, 2015. I join the countless North Carolinians who send our prayers and sincere condolences to his family and friends during this difficult time.

Howard was the embodiment of what it means to be a public servant and is a shining example for those who follow in his footsteps. He was a true Southern gentleman who genuinely cared about bettering the lives of those around him and dedicated his life to serving North Carolina. For his constituents, Howard spent every day of his 30 years in Congress ensuring their thoughts were clearly heard in Washington. What is even more impressive is that he consistently did so with the utmost honor, integrity and kindness.

Howard was known as a passionate leader who was guided by his conservative values and principles. He made it his purpose to serve his constituents with a steadfast commitment to ensuring that government works for the people and not the other way around. Furthermore, Howard was never afraid to reach across the aisle and had many strong friendships with Democrats and Republicans alike. A beloved son of North Carolina, he will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him, but we should find comfort in knowing Howard has found peace with our Savior.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in remembering the life of Congressman Howard Coble and celebrating his positive legacy that will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on many generations of North Carolinians.

TRIBUTE TO RYAN MOORE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2015*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ryan Moore. Mr. Moore teaches science at the Liberty Point International School in Pueblo West, Colorado, where every day he engages and motivates his students through his unique high-energy teaching style that has resulted in improved achievement scores for his students. In recognition for his hard work and dedication in the classroom, Mr. Moore was recognized recently as one of only 40 educators nationwide to receive the prestigious Milken Education Award. He was the sole recipient from Colorado this year. Mr. Moore's passion for teaching not only keeps his students engaged and interested in learning, but has also consistently improved their performance over the course of his seven year tenure.

Mr. Moore's public service extends beyond teaching. He is a former United States Army Staff Sergeant, with 10 years of service that included three deployments to Iraq. Mr. Moore credits the leadership qualities he developed in the military as helping him succeed in the classroom, earning him a reputation as a well-respected educator among both students and his peers. Mr. Moore is also active in his community, volunteering his free time with the Boy Scouts of America and the Pueblo West Department of Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Moore is an incredible individual with an exceptional history of selfless service. He has a limitless ability to inspire the

students he teaches and represents the best of educators in the Third Congressional District of Colorado. I am confident that Mr. Moore will continue to be a tremendous asset to his students and the Pueblo West community. I want to thank him for his service and wish him continued success for many years to come.

INCREASING CHARITIES' ACCESS  
TO FUNDS

**HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2015*

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, charitable remainder trusts present an opportunity for donors to transfer assets for the benefit of charity. Lack of certainty regarding the tax consequences of early terminations of these trusts has deterred early terminations, which has deferred the transfer of substantial assets to charity. Early terminations of charitable remainder trusts should be encouraged because they permit charities to access their share of the trust's assets earlier (and, in some instances, decades earlier) than otherwise would be the case. This is particularly compelling given that, under current economic conditions, many charities have been forced to cut back on many deserving programs.

My bill provides that, on an early termination of a charitable remainder trust, the donor and the charity will apportion the value of the trust using the same methodology that was used to determine the value of the remainder interest on formation. The donor will recognize capital gain on the total value received, the charity will receive its share of the trust's assets, and the early termination will not constitute self-dealing or otherwise disqualify the charitable remainder trust.

Today, Rep. RANGEL and I are introducing this bill which clarifies the tax consequences of early terminations of charitable remainder trusts and encourages the early transfer of funds in such trusts to charities. Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support our bill to give charities earlier access to funds for use in their worthwhile endeavors.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR  
UKRAINE

**HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2015*

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, as a proud representative of a vibrant Ukrainian community in my district, I rise to echo the requests of an extremely important and time-sensitive meeting with the administration where the Ukrainian community pleaded for necessary humanitarian assistance for Ukraine.

The global community continues to mourn the horrific terrorist attacks in Paris. These attacks remind us of the importance of our freedom and democracy in our turbulent world—these values must be actively safeguarded each day. Ukraine has been doing just that: fighting for its democracy and freedom each